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**Subject:** Re: Bristol Bay Assessment - Potential Support from ICF

Jeff,

# Ex. 5 - Deliberative

**From:** Jeff Frithsen/DC/USEPA/US  
**To:** Glenn Suter/CI/USEPA/US@EPA  
**Date:** 07/06/2011 09:11 AM  
**Subject:** Bristol Bay Assessment - Potential Support from ICF

Glenn:

Mike and I are looking into securing contractor support for ORD's Bristol Bay Assessment Activities. We are thinking that assistance would be helpful to complete salmon fishery modeling, and for understanding potential mining impact mitigation activities. I realize that some of these efforts might overlap with similar efforts by Phil North's team.

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Cc: Michael Slimak/DC/USEPA/US@EPA, "Seville, Steven" <SSeville@icfi.com>  
Date: 07/06/2011 08:58 AM  
Subject: RE: Your voice message of July 1

Hi Jeff --

Chip and I had talked about both of these issues yesterday.

On the first, we're starting a Conflict of Interest and Business (COIB) check through our internal system to check on whether we have any COIB issues. The way this works is that we circulate info on potential projects through COIB coordinators within each of the major groups in the company. This will take 2-3 days to make it's way through the process, though if we get any feedback that we've worked with the Pebble partnership, Northern Dynasty, or AngloAmerican, we'll let you know as soon as we find that out. On the hard-rock mining engineer, I believe Chip has identified a candidate and needed to close the loop with him after he returned from vacation, so we'll get back to you on this as well.

Thanks.

Randy

-----Original Message-----

From: Jeff Frithsen [mailto:Frithsen.Jeff@epamail.epa.gov]  
Sent: Wednesday, July 06, 2011 6:38 AM  
To: Freed, Randy; Chip McConnaha  
Cc: Michael Slimak  
Subject: Re: Your voice message of July 1

Randy:

Thanks for the information you and Chip have already provided. I'm checking on two issues.

First issue, can you confirm that ICF has not had a working relationship with the Pebble partnership, Northern Dynasty, or AngloAmerican?

Second issue, does ICF have on staff a hard-rock mining engineer who may be able to help with understanding potential options that might be used by industry to minimize potential environmental impacts?

Thanks.

Jeff

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Subject: Your voice message of July 1

Randy: I was out of the office on Friday, July 1 but I don't believe the qualifications information is that urgent. It looks like we will be issuing a work assignment to ICF for support on the Bristol Bay assessment although there is still a lot inside EPA that has yet to be worked out regarding scope and schedules. There is a meeting in Anchorage next week that should help clear up some issues.

Mike